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FEELING ON THE CUBAN CRISIS.—A diplomat, who probably is the recipient of most confidential news, has expressed his opinion on the Cuban question.

Such is undoubtedly the general feeling. Every one here recognizes that the United States does not desire war, but will not shrink from war if it is necessary to right the wrongs of Cuba and exact satisfaction from Spain.

On the other hand, "The Spectator," although conceding that preparation is generally the best way of avoiding war, does not think the proposition holds good in the case of the United States, and says:

The circumstances steadily tending toward intervention in Cuba will not be altered by any amount of preparation, because Spain cannot end the rebellion and will not grant independence, and thus complicate the American dilemma.

Therefore, "The Spectator" is of the opinion that "the Americans will finally and reluctantly conclude that Spain must cease to reign in Cuba, and will take naval and military action ere long."

The newspapers here generally regard favorably the "national" proposition that the United States annex Cuba and assume her debt.

In the meanwhile Madrid is deluged with sensation journalism. Canard is piled on canard, to be denied in the next edition, and eventually abandoned in favor of fresh excitement.

The feeling in the money market is that if war is inevitable, much gold will probably go to New-York for the purchase of United States bonds.

The iron trade has been considerably stirred by an article in "The Statesman" pointing out that the exports and home consumption of iron have exceeded the whole output of the United Kingdom by nearly half a million tons.

There is quite a large probability that we may have to fall back upon America at no distant date, and that the United States will be our only resource.

The University papers continue to discuss the international athletic challenge. "The Oxford Review," the University mouthpiece, commenting upon J. Astley Cooper's letter to "The Sportsman" on March 2, protesting against the Oxford University Athletic Club's relations to the American champions and its avowing of a refection upon the honesty of the American proposal.

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AMONG WHITECHAPEL'S POOR.—Lady Francis Hope (May Yohe, the American actress), has for some time past been helping her mother-in-law, the Dowager Duchess of Newcastle, among the Whitechapel poor.

AN UNGRATEFUL PREACHER.—The Rev. F. B. Meyer, who was recently the recipient of endless courtesies in the United States, has furnished an interviewer with a column of interesting communications for a display of ignorance, it would be hard to beat.

THE QUEEN'S VISIT TO FRANCE.—The departure of Queen Victoria for South-Sea-France has had an effect upon the political and commercial world, as it is reasonably assumed that she would not leave the country unless the horizon was clearer, which is commonly supposed to be the case.

It would be a misfortune for France, Madame. Afternoon and the evening seem to be looking well, though extra precautions were taken to secure her from disturbance. The royal yacht, which was guarded by a chain of picket-boats, and at Cherbourg, on Friday night, when Her Majesty also spent on board the yacht, all having been in the highest spirits, was ordered for the time being. In addition, the royal train was ordered to run at a speed of only twenty miles an hour.

CABINET DISSENSIONS.—Although the general impression made upon the country by the statement of the Parliamentary Secretary of the Foreign Office, George N. Curzon, on Thursday, in the House of Commons, that Russia had not sent an ultimatum to China, is regarded as being reassuring, and the speech of the First Lord of the Admiralty, the Hon. George J. Goschen, in the House of Commons the same day, when the naval estimates were presented, helped, on the whole, to create a hopeful feeling.

MR. GOSCHEN'S SPEECH.—Mr. Goschen's somewhat rhetorical oration on the alternative of peace or war, the First Lord of the Admiralty remarking: "If peace shall again reign in our country, the nation which calls itself the Mistress of the Sea asserts itself by an increase in its merchant fleet."

TO SPECULATE IN WARSHIPS.—The sentiment favoring war with somebody, which prevails with the "man-in-the-street," has attracted the attention of the Stock Exchange speculators.

BLEEDING OF SAILORS.—Joseph Havelock Wilson, Member of Parliament for Middleborough, secretary of the National Seamen's Union, is reported to be on his way to the United States in order to urge immediate action upon the part of the Board of Trade to stop the practice of shipping seamen to New-York, by which they must pay \$1 to \$3 for the privilege of getting a ship.

GRAND-DUCAL TROUBLES.—The domestic troubles of the Grand-duke and Grand-duchess of Hesse have culminated in the separation of the couple, and the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha (the Duke of Edinburgh, father of the Grand-duchess, is going to Gineza, in order to try, with the help of Queen Victoria, to heal the troubles in the Grand-ducal household.

MONEY-LENDERS DENOUNCED.—Sir George Lewis, the well-known lawyer, before the House of Commons committee inquiring into the evils of money-lending on Thursday, condemned the business in the strongest terms.

REVOLUTION IN A HOTEL.—All the fashionable people who dine or sup at the Savoy Hotel are greatly attracted at a full-fledged revolution which has taken place there during the last week.

BOSTON "ANCIENTS" THEIR GUESTS.—Messrs. Hedges, Ferris and Lewis, of the Boston Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, will be present at the banquet on Tuesday next of the honor the officers of the company of London, the Earl of Denbigh, the lieutenant-colonel commanding, will preside.

INFLUENZA WEATHER.—Wintry weather of a moderate type has prevailed recently, with frosty nights and cold, dry days, which is increasing the spread of influenza in all ranks of society.

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NOTES OF INTEREST FROM PARIS. Paris, February 23. DENOUNCING ZOLA.—The Archbishop of Toulouse, Monsignor Mathieu, in his Lenten pastoral, refers to the Zola trial in the following words: "You have no doubt, being moved by this fatal campaign which has been carried on against our military leaders, by this insurrection against justice, by this attempt to rehabilitate a traitor, and this desperate and dishonest effort to accuse an innocent man. You have doubtless protested against this crime, but you have not done so in a way which has done any good."

A FRENCH HERO GONE.—One of the last survivors of the heroic cutthroats who charged at Telchepothen to save the French Army has just passed away at the village of Gletwiller, in Alsace. Toeh was trumpeter to the 2d Regiment of Chasseurs, and was left for dead on the field of battle with fearful wounds. He was picked up by the German ambulance, tended at Niederbrunn, and then taken captive to Germany. He never recovered his health, but fell into the hands of the Prussians, which has now carried him off after twenty-seven years of suffering.

IMPRISONED MINERS RESCUED. Edinburgh, March 12.—The miners who were imprisoned by the flood at the colliery at Muirkirk, Ayrshire, yesterday, have been rescued.

IN MEMORY OF THE VEENDAM RESCUE. A SET OF RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED BY THE PASSENGERS ON THE ST. LOUIS TO HER OFFICERS AND CREW. The presentation of the resolutions passed by the passengers of the St. Louis on board that ship on February 19, commending the officers and crew for their gallant rescue of the officers, crew and passengers from the sinking ship Veendam on the night of February 7, took place yesterday afternoon in the rooms of the Wool Club, West Broadway and Beach-st. The committee appointed to make the presentation consisted of J. Z. Platten, chairman, Thomas Adams, Jr., Mr. Houghton, of New-York; Rev. James S. Duffy, of Brooklyn; and Henry L. Underwood, of Birmingham, Ala. The members of the committee were all present except Mr. Underwood and the Rev. Mr. Duffy. The invited guests were J. Howard Sweetser, Henry W. Curtis, Daniel Mason and Charles Rollinson. The officers of the St. Louis present were Captain W. G. Gandle, First Officer G. Seagrave, Second Officer George Berkwith and B. Campbell and Purser Thomas Kasey. James Wright, manager of the International Navigation Company, was present on behalf of the company to receive a set of the resolutions to be placed in the saloon of the St. Louis.

After an elaborate luncheon Mr. Platten presented the resolutions, a copy of which was received by each officer. He reviewed the rescue in a short speech, and in closing said: "We present these resolutions to you as a means of expressing the appreciation of the passengers of your humane and heroic rescue, and the daring skill and seamanship displayed in the landing of 212 souls on board the St. Louis without an accident."

In accepting the resolutions Captain Platten said in part: "Events in the life of a sailor train him to self-reliance, and he is always ready to act with coolness, promptly and with skill. Recent indeed would we be to our trust if we did not rescue promptly, willingly and at the risk of life those who are in distress. My heart and the hearts of all my officers and crew are full of thanks to you, and we deeply feel this honor. We are passing through events that may plunge this country into war, and we are willing to offer our lives in the defense of our country and our flag. Again I thank you."

Mr. Wright also spoke. The resolutions are framed in machinery and printed in blank. They are surrounded with a handsome water-color design in blue and red. On each side is displayed a picture of the upper portion of the Veendam, a lifebuoy, on which are inscribed, "S. S. Veendam, New-York," and "B. S. Veendam, Rotterdam."

A further in society has been caused by the Earl of Denbigh, who is celebrating his fiftieth birthday on Sunday last, to celebrate his fiftieth birthday on the stage. There were fifty guests at small tables, each having different colored lights and flowers. Those present included the Countess of Essex (formerly Miss Adele Grant, of New-York), Lady De Trafford, Lady Stuart, Letty Lind, Marie Temple, Ethel Barrymore, Miss Loftus and the entire company. The evening was a success as dramatic critic of "The Daily Telegraph."

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M. Alexandre Bisson's three-act farce, produced last night at the Nouveautés, entitled "Le Contreleur des Wagons Lits," with a cleverly arranged scene, in which a phonograph concealed in a chandelier plays an important role, overflows with genuine wit and drollery.

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